UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
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CHRISTINA BIFULCO, FRANCIS BUTRY,	:
and CORI FRAUENHOFER, individually and on	:
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behalf of all others similarly situated,	•
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Plaintiffs,	•
V.	•
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NATIONAL COLLEGIATE STUDENT LOAN	:
TRUST 2004-2; NATIONAL COLLEGIATE	:
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STUDENT LOAN TRUST 2006-4;	:
TRANSWORLD SYSTEMS, INC., in its own right	:
and as successor to NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS,	:
INC.; EGS FINANCIAL CARE INC., formerly	:
known as NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.; and	:
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FORSTER & GARBUS LLP,	:
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Defendants.	•
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# DEFENDANT NATIONAL COLLEGIATE STUDENT LOAN TRUST 2004-2'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFFS CHRISTINA BIFULCO AND FRANCIS BUTRY

Pursuant to Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant, National Collegiate Student Loan Trust 2004-2 ("2004-2 Trust"), requests that Plaintiffs, Christina Bifulco ("Bifulco") and Francis Butry ("Butry"), respond to the following interrogatories propounded by the 2004-2 Trust.

# **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. The terms "you" and "your" refer to Plaintiffs Christina Bifulco, Francis Butry, and to their agents or any other persons acting or purporting to act on their behalf.
- 2. "Relate to," "related to," "relating to," "regarding," "refer to," "referring to" and "respecting" mean comprising, mentioning, describing, containing, enumerating, involving or in

any way concerning, pertaining or referring to, being connected with, reflecting upon or resulting from, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the stated subject matter.

- 3. "Person" means any natural person or any entity, including, but not limited to, sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations, associations, joint ventures, and any other legally recognized entity of any description whatsoever.
  - 4. To "identify" a person, state with respect to each such person:
    - a. The full name, and in the case of entities other than natural persons, the nature of the entity (i.e. corporation, partnership, etc.); and
    - b. The person's present residence and business addresses and telephone numbers, or if unknown, the person's last known residence and business addresses and telephone numbers.
  - 5. To "identify" a communication, state with respect to each such communication:
    - a. the date and time it occurred;
    - b. the place it occurred;
    - c. the complete substance of the communication;
    - d. the identity of each person, including but not limited to whom the communication was made, by whom the communication was made, and who was present when the communication was made, if by telephone, the identity of each person, including but not limited to who made each telephone call and who participated in each telephone call; and
    - e. the identity of all documents memorializing, referring to or relating in any way to the subject of the communication.

- 6. The term "Complaint" as used herein refers to the Class Action Complaint filed in this matter on August 23, 2018.
- 7. The term "Bifulco State Court Action" refers to the lawsuit described in paragraph 62 of the Complaint, which is captioned *National Collegiate Student Loan Trust 2004-2, a Delaware Statutory Trust(s), v. Philip Bifulco, Christina Bifulco,* CV-002399-13/BU, filed on April 12, 2013 in the Civil Court of the City of Buffalo, Erie County.
- 8. The term "Butry State Court Action" refers to the lawsuit described in paragraph 94 of the Complaint, which is captioned *National Collegiate Student Loan Trust 2004-2, a Delaware Statutory Trust(s), v. Francis Butry*, CV-000264-13/TO, filed on November 15, 2013 in the Civil Court of the City of Tonawanda, Erie County.
- 9. The Bifulco State Court Action and the Butry State Court Action shall together be referred to as the "State Court Actions."
- 10. The term "Bifulco Loan" refers to the loan transaction that was the subject of the Bifulco State Court Action and described in paragraph 65 of the Complaint.
- 11. The term "Butry Loan" refers to the loan transaction that was the subject of the Butry State Court Action and described in paragraph 97 of the Complaint.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. In answering the interrogatories, you are required to furnish all information that is available to you or subject to your reasonable inquiry, including information in the possession of anyone subject to your control.
- 2. In construing the interrogatories, the plural shall include the singular, the singular shall include the plural, and a masculine, feminine or neuter term shall include all other genders.

- 3. In answering these interrogatories, you must make a diligent search of your records and of your other papers and materials in your possession or available to you or your representatives. If an interrogatory has subparts, answer each subpart separately and in full, and do not limit your answer to the interrogatory as a whole. If an interrogatory cannot be answered in full, answer to the extent possible, specify the reason for your inability to answer the remainder, and state whatever information and knowledge you have regarding the unanswered portion.
- 4. You are hereby requested to supplement each and every response as new information is discovered or becomes available as responsive to the interrogatories, from now until trial. You are also under a continuing duty to correct any incorrect responses.
- 5. If any information called for by the discovery request is unknown to you, so state, and then state all remaining information that is known to you. As to the unknown information, also set forth your best estimate, designated as such, in place of the unknown information, and describe the basis upon which the estimate was made.
- 6. In answering each of these interrogatories, if you rely on information provided by any person other than yourself, identify the person or persons.

# **INTERROGATORIES**

#### **Interrogatory No. 1:**

Identify all educational institutions you have attended after high school, including but not limited to college, community college, trade or vocational schools, and any other degree, certificate, professional skills, or continuing education program, and for each, specify the purpose of your attendance, your dates of attendance, and whether you completed the educational program for which you enrolled.

## **Interrogatory No. 2:**

If you borrowed money from any person or any entity to pay for any of your costs—including but not limited to tuition, textbooks, or living expenses—associated with attending any of the institutions identified in your response to Interrogatory No. 1, identify each person or entity from which you borrowed money and the financial terms associated with your borrowing of money—including the term and interest rate of any loan.

### **Interrogatory No. 3:**

For each instance of borrowing money identified in your response to Interrogatory No. 2, explain the current status of your repayment obligations (*i.e.*, whether you are current on your payment obligations, are in default on your repayment obligations, or you have completed your repayment obligations) ("Repayment Status").

# **Interrogatory No. 4:**

Identify any loan agreements—including the loan's originator, lender, the loan terms, and the loan's Repayment Status—you have signed for purposes of borrowing money for educational purposes or guaranteeing or co-signing another person's repayment of a loan obtained for educational purposes.

#### **Interrogatory No. 5:**

Identify any loans or financial agreements you have signed with Philip Bifulco or Clara Butry in any capacity, including as a co-borrower or a guarantor or co-signer of Mr. Bifulco's or Ms. Butry's repayment obligations under those loans or financial agreements.

#### **Interrogatory No. 6:**

Explain the nature of any past or present relationship you had or have with Philip Bifulco or Clara Butry.

## **Interrogatory No. 7:**

State whether you were ever served with any process, including a summons and complaint, in connection with the State Court Actions.

# **Interrogatory No. 8:**

Explain when and how you found out about the State Court Actions.

#### **Interrogatory No. 9:**

Explain whether you were aware of the State Court Actions during the time periods between the dates they were filed and the dates that default judgments were entered, as follows: Bifulco State Court Action (April 12, 2013 - March 25, 2014); Butry State Court Action (November 15, 2013 - September 18, 2014).

### **Interrogatory No. 10:**

Explain why you did not appear in the State Court Actions.

### **Interrogatory No. 11:**

Identify all communications you received prior to April 12, 2013 from any persons regarding the Bifulco Loan or the Bifulco State Court Action and all communications you received prior to November 15, 2013 from any persons regarding the Butry Loan or the Butry State Court Action.

### **Interrogatory No. 12:**

Describe any actions you took, prior to filing the Complaint, in response to the State Court Actions.

## **Interrogatory No. 13:**

Identify any attorneys you hired in connection with issues arising from or conduct occurring in the State Court Actions—including your attorneys in this case—and specify the dates on which you hired the attorneys.

#### **Interrogatory No. 14:**

Explain the basis for the allegations in paragraphs 93 and 122 of the Complaint that "Defendants have falsely reported to credit bureaus that the underlying alleged debt was valid and owed," including identifying which of the Defendants "falsely reported" to the credit bureaus, identifying the credit bureaus that received the alleged reporting, and explaining why the credit reporting indicating that the "debt was valid and owed" was false.

# **Interrogatory No. 15:**

Explain the factual basis for the allegations in paragraphs 77-78, 80, 109-110, and 112 of the Complaint alleging that Ms. Morgan and Mr. Boyd lacked personal knowledge.

#### **Interrogatory No. 16:**

Explain the factual basis for the allegations in paragraphs 82, 84, 114, and 116 of the Complaint.

#### **Interrogatory No. 17:**

Explain any steps Bifulco and Butry have taken to correct the credit reporting alleged in paragraphs 93 and 122 of the Complaint.

### **Interrogatory No. 18:**

Identify all applications for credit that Bifulco and Butry have submitted since the filing of the State Court Actions, including a description of the decision by each lender, the credit

terms proposed by each lender or the lender's stated reason for the denial if Bifulco or Butry were denied credit, and whether Bifulco or Butry accepted the credit terms.

# **Interrogatory No. 19:**

Identify all potential creditors that have accessed Bifulco's and Butry's credit reports since the filing of the State Court Actions.

#### **Interrogatory No. 20:**

Describe and quantify the amount of wages you allege have been garnished as alleged in paragraph 92 of the Complaint.

## **Interrogatory No. 21:**

Describe any efforts you have made or actions you have taken to recover or be reimbursed for the wages you allege in paragraph 92 of the Complaint have been garnished.

## **Interrogatory No. 22:**

Describe any efforts you have made or actions you have taken to vacate or reverse the judgments identified in paragraphs 89 and 120 of the Complaint.

# **Interrogatory No. 23:**

Describe and quantify all of the damages you allege you suffered as a result of the 2004-2 Trust's conduct alleged in the Complaint, including but not limited to, an itemization of such alleged damages and all facts supporting your claimed damages.

### **Interrogatory No. 24:**

Describe any communications you have had with any persons regarding settlement of the claims asserted in the State Court Actions, including identifying the persons with whom you communicated, the contents of the communications, and the dates of the communications.

# **Interrogatory No. 25:**

Identify each and every lawsuit that you have ever been involved in (*i.e.*, as a plaintiff, defendant or witness), including but not limited to bankruptcies and any lawsuits making claims brought under the FDCPA, N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, or New York Judiciary Law § 498, and for each, state the caption, the court, the date the action was filed, the case number, summarize the nature of the lawsuit, and state whether the lawsuit sought and/or received class action status.

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